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An Act To Require Elevators To Be Accessible for Ambulance Stretchers

Reference to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator TUTTLE of York.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §15228, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

3 **1-A. Existing construction; requirements.** Notwithstanding section 15206, a
4 building described in subsection 2 must have at least one passenger elevator that is
5 accessible from all levels within the building and that is of sufficient size to allow the
6 transport of a person on an ambulance stretcher in the fully supine position, without
7 having to raise, lower or bend the stretcher in any way. This subsection applies to all
8 passenger elevators inspected and certified pursuant to section 15221 on or after January
9 1, 2018. The board shall adopt rules necessary to carry out the provisions of this
10 subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as
11 defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

12 **Sec. 2. Board of Elevator and Tramway Safety; report.** The Department of
13 Professional and Financial Regulation, Board of Elevator and Tramway Safety shall
14 establish a plan for the inspection and certification of all passenger elevators required to
15 meet the elevator size requirements described in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32,
16 section 15228, subsection 1-A and identify any legislative or regulatory changes that may
17 be necessary. On or before February 1, 2014, the Board of Elevator and Tramway Safety
18 shall submit a report, including any suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing
19 Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development. The Joint
20 Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development may
21 submit a bill based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

22 **SUMMARY**

23 This bill requires that, beginning January 1, 2018, all existing multistory buildings
24 that house private entities or nonprofit organizations that serve the public or are places of
25 public accommodation, subject to specific exceptions, have at least one passenger
26 elevator that is accessible from all levels within the building and that is of sufficient size
27 to allow the transport of a person on an ambulance stretcher in the fully supine position,
28 without having to raise, lower or bend the stretcher in any way. The bill also requires the
29 Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Board of Elevator and Tramway
30 Safety to establish a plan for the inspection and certification of all passenger elevators in
31 existing buildings required to meet the elevator size requirements and identify any
32 legislative or regulatory changes that may be necessary and report to the Joint Standing
33 Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development. It also allows
34 the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic
35 Development to submit a bill based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the
36 126th Legislature.